

connected to a sample loading zone of the disposable unit when the dosage element is in its first position, and when it is in its second position, the diluent chamber and the measuring chamber are connected to one another via the dosage capillary. The measuring chamber has a ventilation valve which is permeable to gas but impermeable to the sample liquid, so that the chamber is completely filled free of any bubbles with the liquid flowing into it.

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REMARKS

A word was replaced in the specification in order to make the language internally consistent. Claims 1-18 have been deleted and claims 19-40 have been added. The new claims generally correspond to the cancelled claims. The claims were reworded to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in the preferred format for U.S. patent practice. The abstract has been replaced to comply with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added.

If Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, Examiner is encouraged to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

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